

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method comprising:

entering a first set of data in a first set of fields displayed in columnar format in a
5 first column on a display screen;

entering a second set of data in a second set of fields displayed in columnar
format in the first column on the display screen, wherein the first column comprises the
first set of fields displayed vertically and the second set of fields displayed vertically, and
wherein the first column comprises a single column label which spans the width of one of
10 the first set of fields and one of the second set of fields;

displaying the first set of data in the first set of fields and the second set of data in
the second set of fields, wherein the first set of fields is displayed to the left of the second
set of fields; and

redisplaying the first set of data in the first set of fields and the second set of data
15 in the second set of fields, wherein the first set of fields is displayed to the right of the
second set of fields.

2. The method of claim 1,
wherein the single column label is displayed at the top of the column.

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3. The method of claim 2,
wherein a first field label is displayed for the first set of fields below the single
column label; and

wherein a second field label is displayed for the second set of fields in a same row
25 as the first field label below the single column label.

4. The method of claim 1,
wherein the first set of data comprises one or more mathematical operators; and

wherein the first set of fields comprises one or more operation fields.

5. The method of claim 1,
wherein the second set of data comprises one or more mathematical operators; and
5 wherein the second set of fields comprises one or more operation fields.

6. The method of claim 1,
wherein the first set of data comprises one or more numeric values; and
wherein the first set of fields comprises one or more number fields.

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7. The method of claim 1,
wherein the second set of data comprises one or more numeric values; and
wherein the second set of fields comprises one or more number fields.

15 8. The method of claim 1,
wherein the first set of data comprises one or more comment strings; and
wherein the first set of fields comprises one or more comment fields.

9. The method of claim 1,
20 wherein the second set of data comprises one or more comment strings; and
wherein the second set of fields comprises one or more comment fields.

10. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
entering a third set of data in a third set of fields displayed in columnar format in a
25 second column on the display screen;

entering a fourth set of data in a fourth set of fields displayed in columnar format
in the second column on the display screen, wherein the second column comprises the
third set of fields displayed vertically and the fourth set of fields displayed vertically, and

wherein the second column comprises a second single column label which spans the width of one of the third set of fields and one of the fourth set of fields; and

displaying the third set of data in the third set of fields and the fourth set of data in the fourth set of fields, wherein the third set of fields is displayed to the left of the fourth set of fields.

11. The method of claim 10, further comprising:

redisplaying the third set of data in the third set of fields and the fourth set of data in the fourth set of fields, wherein the third set of fields is displayed to the right of the fourth set of fields.

12. The method of claim 1,

wherein the first set of data and the second set of data comprise one or more mathematical operators and one or more numeric values;

and wherein the method further comprises:

automatically calculating a result by applying the mathematical operators to the numeric values; and

displaying the result on the display screen.

13. A system comprising:

a CPU;

a display screen coupled to the CPU;

a memory coupled to the CPU, wherein the memory stores program instructions which are executable by the CPU to:

receive into the memory a first set of data in a first set of fields displayed in columnar format in a first column on the display screen;

receive into the memory a second set of data in a second set of fields displayed in columnar format in the first column on the display screen, wherein the first

column comprises the first set of fields displayed vertically and the second set of fields displayed vertically, and wherein the first column comprises a single column label which spans the width of one of the first set of fields and one of the second set of fields;

- 5 display the first set of data in the first set of fields and the second set of data in the second set of fields, wherein the first set of fields is displayed to the left of the second set of fields; and

 redisplay the first set of data in the first set of fields and the second set of data in the second set of fields, wherein the first set of fields is displayed to the right of the second set of fields.

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14. The system of claim 13,
 wherein the single column label is displayed at the top of the column.

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15. The system of claim 14,
 wherein a first field label is displayed for the first set of fields below the single column label; and
 wherein a second field label is displayed for the second set of fields in a same row as the first field label below the single column label.

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16. The system of claim 13,
 wherein the first set of data comprises one or more mathematical operators; and
 wherein the first set of fields comprises one or more operation fields.

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17. The system of claim 13,
 wherein the second set of data comprises one or more mathematical operators; and
 wherein the second set of fields comprises one or more operation fields.

18. The system of claim 13,

wherein the first set of data comprises one or more numeric values; and
wherein the first set of fields comprises one or more number fields.

19. The system of claim 13,

5 wherein the second set of data comprises one or more numeric values; and
wherein the second set of fields comprises one or more number fields.

20. The system of claim 13,

10 wherein the first set of data comprises one or more comment strings; and
wherein the first set of fields comprises one or more comment fields.

21. The system of claim 13,

15 wherein the second set of data comprises one or more comment strings; and
wherein the second set of fields comprises one or more comment fields.

22. The system of claim 13, wherein the program instructions are further executable
by the CPU to:

receive into the memory a third set of data in a third set of fields displayed in
columnar format in a second column on the display screen;

20 receive into the memory a fourth set of data in a fourth set of fields displayed in
columnar format in the second column on the display screen, wherein the second column
comprises the third set of fields displayed vertically and the fourth set of fields displayed
vertically, and wherein the second column comprises a second single column label which
spans the width of one of the third set of fields and one of the fourth set of fields; and

25 display the third set of data in the third set of fields and the fourth set of data in
the fourth set of fields, wherein the third set of fields is displayed to the left of the fourth
set of fields.

23. The system of claim 22, wherein the program instructions are further executable by the CPU to:

redisplay the third set of data in the third set of fields and the fourth set of data in the fourth set of fields, wherein the third set of fields is displayed to the right of the fourth set of fields.

24. The system of claim 13,

wherein the first set of data and the second set of data comprise one or more mathematical operators and one or more numeric values;

and wherein the program instructions are further executable by the CPU to:

automatically calculate a result by applying the mathematical operators to the numeric values; and

display the results on the display screen.

25. A carrier medium comprising program instructions, wherein the program instructions are executable by a computer to implement:

receiving into a memory a first set of data in a first set of fields displayed in columnar format in a first column on a display screen;

receiving into the memory a second set of data in a second set of fields displayed in columnar format in the first column on the display screen, wherein the first column comprises the first set of fields displayed vertically and the second set of fields displayed vertically, and wherein the first column comprises a single column label which spans the width of one of the first set of fields and one of the second set of fields;

displaying the first set of data in the first set of fields and the second set of data in the second set of fields, wherein the first set of fields is displayed to the left of the second set of fields; and

redisplaying the first set of data in the first set of fields and the second set of data in the second set of fields, wherein the first set of fields is displayed to the right of the second set of fields.

- 5 26. The carrier medium of claim 25,
 wherein the single column label is displayed at the top of the column.
27. The carrier medium of claim 26,
 wherein a first field label is displayed for the first set of fields below the single
10 column label; and
 wherein a second field label is displayed for the second set of fields in a same row
 as the first field label below the single column label.
28. The carrier medium of claim 25,
15 wherein the first set of data comprises one or more mathematical operators; and
 wherein the first set of fields comprises one or more operation fields.
29. The carrier medium of claim 25,
 wherein the second set of data comprises one or more mathematical operators; and
20 wherein the second set of fields comprises one or more operation fields.
30. The carrier medium of claim 25,
 wherein the first set of data comprises one or more numeric values; and
 wherein the first set of fields comprises one or more number fields.
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31. The carrier medium of claim 25,
 wherein the second set of data comprises one or more numeric values; and
 wherein the second set of fields comprises one or more number fields.

32. The carrier medium of claim 25,
wherein the first set of data comprises one or more comment strings; and
wherein the first set of fields comprises one or more comment fields.

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33. The carrier medium of claim 25,
wherein the second set of data comprises one or more comment strings; and
wherein the second set of fields comprises one or more comment fields.

10 34. The carrier medium of claim 25, wherein the program instructions are further
executable by the computer to implement:

receiving into the memory a third set of data in a third set of fields displayed in
columnar format in a second column on the display screen;

15 receiving into the memory a fourth set of data in a fourth set of fields displayed in
columnar format in the second column on the display screen, wherein the second column
comprises the third set of fields displayed vertically and the fourth set of fields displayed
vertically, and wherein the second column comprises a second single column label which
spans the width of one of the third set of fields and one of the fourth set of fields; and

20 displaying the third set of data in the third set of fields and the fourth set of data in
the fourth set of fields, wherein the third set of fields is displayed to the left of the fourth
set of fields.

35. The carrier medium of claim 34, wherein the program instructions are further
executable by the computer to implement:

25 redisplaying the third set of data in the third set of fields and the fourth set of data
in the fourth set of fields, wherein the third set of fields is displayed to the right of the
fourth set of fields.

36. The carrier medium of claim 25,
wherein the first set of data and the second set of data comprise one or more
mathematical operators and one or more numeric values;
and wherein the program instructions are further executable by the computer to
5 implement:
automatically calculating a result by applying the mathematical operators to the
numeric values; and
displaying the result on the display screen.

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